

June 21, 2006
Budget Work Session

Minutes

Members present

Brady Wooten- Chairman
Allen Sneed- Vice- Chairman
Leon Casstevens- Commissioner
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner
D.C. Swaim- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager
Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board

Chairman Wooten called the recessed meeting back to order.

The Board discussed the animal shelter and the rabies problem and how vaccinations are the responsibility of the pet owner.

Chairman Wooten stated the inspections at the animal shelter do not have anything to do with the Health Department. The Health Department's responsibility is with rabies cases.

Budget

Major Widener explained to the Board how the Sheriff's office purchased new vehicles last year.

Chairman Wooten inquired on the cost to equip a car used by the Sheriff's office.

Major Widener stated the cost is approximately \$4,000. He explained how they try to keep the total price of a new vehicle around \$25,000; not all cars have to be fully equipped. He explained that the SUV the Sheriff had driven was traded in for two economical cars which left

\$9,000 in the line item. The department purchased six cars in the 2005/2006 budget. The Sheriff's office is proposing to turn back in \$70,000 not spent.

Commissioner Casstevens commended the Sheriff's office on a good job.

Commissioner Casstevens inquired if a local person could fix the bullpens.

Major Widener answered he is not sure what the design calls for but he does think the estimate is high.

The Board discussed video conferencing with prisoners.

Major Widener stated they use the video conferencing to the fullest extent. He stated they have been trying to bring four prisoners at a time to be processed, take them back and then bring four more. This process is in the early stages and there has been some criticism, but we are working it out.

The Board discussed ambulance services.

Chairman Wooten asked if there would be any lottery proceeds this year.

Mr. Wood stated the first \$50 million is being held by the State. The proceeds are running less than anticipated and disbursements will not be handed out until after July or later in the year.

Mr. Wood discussed the Medicaid Max program. He also informed the Board that property tax generates approximately 45% of the revenues and sales tax generates the next highest amount of revenues.

Mr. Wood stated the revised budget for last year was \$30,859,000 and this year the proposed budget is \$31,124,000; an increase of \$265,000.

The Board reviewed the various departments' budgets.

Tax Administration

Mr. Wood informed the Board that Phyllis Adams, Tax Administrator, was concerned about her postage line decrease. She would like the Board to reconsider the cut.

Land Records

Mr. Wood stated he has put an increase in the salary line item for Rachel Boone; her salary can be taken from 911 funds.

Land Sales

Mr. Wood stated this covers the 10% for Mr. Graham's collection of delinquent taxes.

Reval

Mr. Wood informed the Board the department is down one person. They would like to keep the part-time salary line open and hopefully hire someone full-time later in the year.

The Board discussed reval.

Register of Deeds

Mr. Wood stated the increase in salary is to give Aric Wilhelm more time and make that a full-time position.

The Board discussed the lease agreement and how the automation funds should be used for the lease agreement.

Information Services

Chairman Wooten questioned the spending in this department and if they were legitimate costs or are we spending just because we have the funds leftover.

Mr. Wood stated all are legitimate costs. He informed the Board all data processing needs go through Chris Shugart, IT Director.

Sheriff

The Board discussed 401K for employees at the Sheriff's office and the LEO Retirement. The Sheriff's budget includes five vehicles. The Liason officers are paid by the Board of Education. The 401K line needed additional funds to meet the need.

Jail

Mr. Wood informed the Board the inmate insurance has been cancelled.

The Board discussed filing suit against West Virginia or the insurance company regarding the inmate which Yadkin County had to pay for his medical bills.

Chairman Wooten called for a break.

Other

The Board discussed the contract with BFI.

Mr. Wood informed the Board that the county has to maintain 8% in the fund balance.

Mr. Wood presented the budget amendments tabled at the other meeting and explained what would happen if they were not approved.

Interfund

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund	6044000-42412	-0-	200,000.00	200,000.00
Appropriated Fund Balance	6044000-49000	756,000.00	(200,000.00)	556,000.00

To amend for the movement of funds that are held in Capital Reserve for the Enterprise Fund to the Enterprise Fund to be used to cover excess expenses.

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Transfer to Enterprise Fund	2154213-57020	-0-	200,000.00	200,000.00
Appropriated Fund Balance	2144213-49000	3,094,378.00	200,000.00	3,294,378.00

To amend for the movement of funds that are held in Capital Reserve for the Enterprise Fund to the Enterprise Fund to be used to cover excess expenses.

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Transfer from General Fund	2144213-42410	-0-	771,622	771,622
Appropriated Fund Balance	2144213-49000	3,866,000	(771,622)	3,094,378

To amend for the movement of the excess of Article 42 sales tax to Capital Reserve Fund for the schools after all capital outlay expense for the schools has been met in the General Fund. Also, to amend for the movement of funds from the Soil & Water for 5-D and from Economic Development for 421/77 water development to the Capital Reserve Fund

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund	1054212-57010	-0-	170,370	170,370
Appropriated Fund Balance	1044000-49000	692,537	170,370	862,807

To amend for the movement of the excess Article 42 sales tax to Capital Reserve Fund for the schools after all capital outlay expense for the schools has been met in the general fund.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the budget amendments for the Enterprise Fund. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

***Commissioner Casstevens made the motion to approve the budget amendment for Article 42 sales tax for schools. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to approve the Article 42 sales tax to Capital Reserve. Chairman Wooten seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

5-D

Mr. Wood informed the Board of the mediation hearing regarding Grady Draughn. A tentative settlement has been reached, if approved by the CORP. The county would lease the property at \$5,000 per acre.

Other

The Board set the next budget session for June 26th at 6:00 p.m.

EMS

Commissioner Casstevens questioned the part-time salary line.

Mr. Wood stated it covers vacations, sickness and other absences from our full-time paramedics.

The Board discussed overtime and scheduling for EMS.

Mr. Wood stated EMS has asked for one new ambulance and a remount.

Recess

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to recess the meeting until June 26th at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Phillips second. The Board voted 5-0.**

Melinda Vestal, CMC
Clerk to the Board